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MEGAN LIGHTS UP TOWN

Eleven year-old Megan Shawyer was chosen as this year's Child of Courage to switch on Ashford's Christmas lights.

Megan suffers from Cystic Fibrosis and has been admitted regularly to the William Harvey Hospital's Padua ward since she was a baby.

According to staff, she doesn't let the disorder interfere with her everyday activities. She has also made a power point presentation explaining what Cystic Fibrosis is and how it affects her, so other children can learn more about the condition.

Pictured at the switch on from left are Mayor Allen Wells, Megan Shawyer and Dave Lee.

BY ED HILL

A VERDICT is expected today in the Brooker murder trial in which a man stands accused of kicking his partner to death in an alley.

Susie Smith, also known as Susie Beaney, 50, died in the William Harvey Hospital on April 29 after she was found lying injured in an alleyway between Godfrey Walk and Christchurch Road in Ashford.

Her partner, Steven Brooker, 42, from Waterman House, Ashford, was later arrested and charged with her murder.

On Monday, Mr Brooker gave evidence at Maidstone Crown Court. The jury was told he had already pleaded guilty to manslaughter, but the prosecution opted to continue the murder case, arguing his actions showed he intended to kill Ms Smith or cause her serious physical harm.

Defence barrister Alexander Cameron QC asked how much Mr Brooker had drunk that day. He said between 10.30am and 6pm he had drunk four cans of Special Brew and three litres of strong white cider and was "sloshed". When Ms Smith returned home he asked her where she had been.

Earlier the jury heard how Ms Smith had been in town in the day and had collapsed outside a post office in Tufton Street, where was treated by paramedics.

She then made her way home. According to eyewitnesses who saw her that day, including police and paramedics, she did not appear to be badly injured although she was under the influence of alcohol.

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Conker players conquer health and safety fears for school sport

■ BY NICK AMES

GURKHA children at a primary school have been getting into the swing of a traditional kids' autumn pastime – conkers.

Pupils of St Mary's Primary School, Ashford, have taken up the age-old game which has been threatened in recent years by health and safety in some schools across the UK.

They have even set up competitions and formed their own club – with the Nepalese children among the most enthusiastic players.

The game is played by two players, each with a conker threaded onto a piece of string – the players take turns striking each other's horse-chestnut until one breaks.

Headteacher Sue Parkin said: "In the weeks leading up to half term the games were in full swing, as there were horse chestnuts all around to be picked up, attached to a string and ready for a game.

"We have no problem with the children playing conkers at all, unless they start to hit each other.

"We have quite a number of pupils from a Nepalese background who come from the families of Gurkha soldiers. Of course they had never seen the game of conkers before so they became fascinated and very enthusiastic players."

Members of staff supervise the games and attach the horse chestnuts to the string ready for the games.

The first recorded game was on the Isle of Wight in the mid 19th century and it spread in popularity across the British Isles. It reached



NEW FUN: Gurkha children with conkers

Ireland but not mainland Europe

In 1965 the World Conker Championships were set up in Ashton, Northamptonshire, and still take place on the second Sunday of October every year. In 2004, an audience of 5,000 turned up to watch more than 500 competitors from all over the world.

The first time that a non-British contestant won the Men's World Conker Championship was 1976.

Mexican Jorge Ramirez Carrillo took the place of a contestant who was unable to arrive on time at Ashton, and defeated the 1975 champion at the finals. The men's champion has been British in every other year except 1998, when Helmut Kern from Nauort, Germany, won.

In 2000 a survey of British schools showed that many were not allowing children to play the game because of fears over safety from splinters or concern about pupils with nut allergies.

And in 2004 a school in Carlisle bought six pairs of goggles for pupils to wear while playing the game.

Drunk Brooker threw away phone after calling an ambulance

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The prosecution alleged that when she got home to the flat she shared with Mr Brooker, an argument erupted, which spilled out to the alleyway.

Mr Brooker was seen by a neighbour, standing over Ms Smith in the alleyway where he appeared to kick her with his right foot.

It is accepted by both the prosecution and defence the blow to her stomach was the cause of death.

Mr Brooker was overheard saying at the time. "Shall I phone? Is that GBH or ABH?"

Ms Smith told a passerby she wanted an ambulance but Mr Brooker told him he had phoned for one. He then threw his mobile phone into a nearby electricity substation.

Mr Brooker said: "I heard the ambulance coming and did not want to be around. As I left I threw away the phone. I don't know why I did it, I was drunk."

Mr Brooker said he left the alleyway because he had been in prison four months before and thought he was still on licence from jail. He then went to a friend's house, Stephen Giles, and had two more cans of beer. He was asked to leave and was arrested soon after by police.

In jail he wrote to Mr Giles, who knew where the mobile phone was, asking him not to retrieve it because the SIM card would prove to police he had called an ambulance.

The emergency call was later played to the jury in which Mr Brooker refused to give his details to the operator and was heard saying, "goodbye, goodbye I wish I had never met you," to Ms Smith.

Barrister Deepak Kapur, prosecuting, said Ms Smith had been subjected to a tirade of abuse from Mr Brooker in the alleyway; her blood and hair had been found in the doorway of the couple's flat, although it could not be accurately said when it had got there. Mr Kapur asked why Mr Brooker had left Ms Smith in the alleyway and why he had at first denied he had hit her.

Mr Brooker said: "At the time I was in denial and shock. I had no intention of hurting her."

Last week, based on initial police reports, we reported that Susie Smith had been found with stab wounds. This was incorrect and we apologise for any distress caused to Mr Brooker's family.

Gardeners go for gold

A GARDEN at a retirement development in Singleton has won the top prize in a county wide gardening competition.

Windsor Court won the gold medal for the best community wildlife garden in the Kent Wildlife Gardening Awards.

Residents of the supported housing, run by Peverel Retirement, received the award from the Mayor of Ashford, Allen Wells.

The gardens at Windsor Court include a large pond which attracts a lot of wildlife, as well as a duck house built by 78-year-old resident Stan Taverner. There are also four benches where residents enjoy sitting and relaxing in the warmer months.

One resident, Joan Hollyer, 72, often helps out in the garden.

She said: "Everyone who can help

comes along during planting season to make the gardens beautiful. Afterwards we have a barbeque as a reward for all our hard work."

The residents at Windsor Court raise funds for the garden with a gardening money box kept in the communal lounge. "Everyone puts their coppers in," said Joan.

House manager Sandra Causton said: "I told the residents that if we managed to win the bronze prize we'd spray it gold. When I got the message that we'd won a gold medal and the community award I just couldn't believe it."

Windsor Court is supported housing for residents over 55.

Peverel Retirement managing director, Keith Edgar, said: "Congratulations to the residents of Windsor Court. It's fantastic how they've all



worked together to make the gardens an important part of Windsor Court, and this award recognises their brilliant efforts."

Maureen Rainey, of Kent Wildlife Trust, which runs the scheme, said: "Our volunteer advisor was so excited by the commitment and enthusiasm of everyone at Windsor Court that she couldn't wait to phone me to say she was nominating them for this prestigious award.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the garden for myself and meeting with some of its creators. Very well done to all involved."

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Museum hopes reach end of Klondyke line

EXCLUSIVE

BY EDHILL

PART of Ashford's railway heritage has been lost for ever, despite hopes it could be converted into a museum celebrating the town's engineering history.

Demolition work has started on the old Klondyke sheds off Newtown Road, which were built during the town's railway boom in the 19th century. At one time it had been hoped the buildings could house a museum with exhibits about the town's railway history.

The late Gordon Turner, a former mayor of Ashford, started an association to try to realise this dream. After his death, his widow, Betty, published a book Mr Turner wrote about the history of the railways in the town.

Mrs Turner said: "It will be tragic not to have a museum on the site. I wish we could have stopped them knocking it down. The building would have been very important for the museum."

She added: "When we published the book in 2007, a group was formed to try to get a museum. The South East England Development Agency was also in favour, but we didn't get anywhere. I'm devastated. This was where some of the finest engines were made and where the men worked."

More than 1,000 steam engines were built at Ashford's railway works and exported all over the world. It finally closed in 1981. The muse-



SAD SIGHT: Ashford's long and proud railway heritage has been reduced to dilapidated and demolished sheds

um plans also included an idea to run a steam train along the Hastings line to attract tourists. It was also hoped to take items from the National Railway Museum in York to put on display, including a train built in Ashford.

The sheds were part of the railway works boom that hit the town from 1841 to 61 and were built by the South Eastern Railway Company.

The Klondyke shop was responsible for building carriage underframes for railway coaches. Kier Construction now owns the site and the larger Newtown Works on the other side of the road. The developers have permission to devel-

op the larger site incorporating the old railway sheds, but at present there are no planning applications for the Klondyke site.

A spokesman for Kier Property said: "Ashford council granted us consent to demolish the Klondyke railway shed under section 80 of the Building Act 1984. We took the decision to demolish the shed on health & safety grounds as the roof was in disrepair, and we are still considering how to use the site. Five listed buildings on the Newtown Works site opposite will remain and it is our intention to refurbish these in the near future."

Gold necklace distraction theft attempt

POLICE are asking for information two women who attempted to carry out a bizarre street robbery.

A 35-year-old nurse was walking in Willesborough when, at the corner of Church Road and Osborne Road, a car stopped and two women got out.

Both began to cry and said their mother had died. They then started to put necklaces around the nurse's neck, saying she should keep them.

The nurse pushed the women away and removed the necklaces. She then realised her own 22ct gold necklace was missing and told the women she was calling the police and got out her mobile phone.

The women threw the necklaces at her, as well as a bracelet and a ring, before getting back into the car and driving off. The incident happened on Friday, November 13, at about 3.20pm.

Intimidating

Both women were of Asian or Middle Eastern appearance, around 35 to 40 years old and spoke poor English.

One is described as 5ft tall and thin, the second is 5ft 5in and fat. Both were dressed in black and were wearing black headscarves.

Sergeant Alice Parton said: "This is quite a unique distraction technique, and could be quite intimidating for an older or vulnerable person."

"I would like to speak to anyone who has information about this incident or the two women involved."

Contact South Kent police on 01622 690690, quoting crime reference number FY/18131/10, or the free and confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

Model aeroplane starts house fire

AN ASHFORD homeowner had a lucky escape after a model airplane started a blaze.

Fire broke out in a first-floor bedroom used by the woman's husband for his model aircraft collection.

A faulty battery pack in a model which had been flown earlier in the day is thought to have overheated.

Two fire engines were called to the three-storey house in South Ashford shortly after 4am on Wednesday, last week.

Crews praised the woman's quick thinking once she realised the blaze had started.

Correct

Ashford watch manager Mark Thomas said: "She followed all the correct procedures."

"The property had working smoke alarms, she closed all doors before going to bed and was woken when the alarm triggered."

"On seeing smoke billowing around her bedroom door, she got out of the house and called Kent Fire and Rescue from her mobile phone."

"This is the action we want all residents to take if they are ever faced with a fire in their home."

Crews tackled the fire with a hose, then used a ventilation fan to remove smoke from the bedroom and the rest of the house.

Damage was mainly confined to the first-floor bedroom.

Move to new office for rural watchdog



PROTECT Kent, the county's branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, has moved from its office near Smeeth to Charing.

The group recently held its annual meeting in Lenham and says it is waiting to see how the coalition Government's Localism Bill will affect planning. Richard Knox-Johnston (pictured above), chairman

of group, said: "As Kent's planning watchdog, we wait with interest to hear the details of the Government's proposals. Planning affects everyone in our beautiful county and is at the core of what Protect Kent does."

"Getting these reforms right will be essential if we are to safeguard Kent's countryside and towns for future generations."

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Meet Santa!

Take a visit to meet Santa in Debenhams throughout the seasonal period. Check our website or with Debenhams for dates and times.

Christmas music

Every weekend during December a variety of choirs will be performing round the Christmas tree.

Snow Globe Fun!

For one weekend only on 4th and 5th December, you'll see a Giant Snow Globe in the main square. Bring your friends or family along, step inside and have a picture taken in the snow! The 6x9 photo, which will cost £10, will be housed in a custom frame and you can have extra copies at a reduced rate. It's a great present idea!



To find out more about Christmas at County Square visit
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HUNTED: E-fit images of suspects wanted for posing as water board official who then stole from pensioners

Thieves who posed as water board officials

A BOGUS water board worker who stole money from two elderly people in the area after tricking his way into their homes is being hunted by police.

The first con occurred in Beaver Lane, Ashford, between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Tuesday, November 2.

A man claiming to be from the water board called at the address of an 80-year-old man saying he needed to test the water.

The elderly man let the conman into his home so that he could run the cold water taps in his kitchen and an upstairs bathroom.

After the man had left, the resident noticed cash had been taken from the house.

The second theft happened in College Road, Deal, at 8pm the following day.

A man also claiming to be from the water board entered an 80-year-old woman's home through the back door and said he was checking for leaks from the radiators.

He started checking them but was challenged about his identity and left.

The woman noticed that cash had been taken after he had left her home.

Police believe another man may also have been involved in the crime, taking the cash

■ BY ED HILL

while the residents were distracted by the man claiming to be from the water board. An efit of the suspect has been released.

Detective Constable Andrew Crosbie said: "Distraction burglaries are very rare and we are looking at the possibility that these two crimes have been committed by the same person or people.

"Our advice to elderly residents is beware of anyone calling at your home claiming to be from a utility company as it is very unusual for them to just turn up out of the blue.

"Ask to see their identity card and if in doubt, phone the company to check before you let them in.

"Genuine workers will not mind if you do that. If you have any suspicions at all contact Kent Police on 01622 690690."

Police would like to hear from anyone with information about the crimes, or who knows the identity of the man shown in the pictures.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Andrew Crosbie on 01303 289124.

You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Police hunt bag-snatching cyclist

POLICE have released an efit of a cyclist who snatched a woman's handbag.

The robbery happened in Allen Field. Two were walking along when a man on a red mountain bike rode past them. As he did so he grabbed one of the women's handbags and continued cycling towards Noakes meadow, where he turned left.

He then continued to ride along Brookfield Road, and then went

towards Brookfield Court and then through the grassed area between Crownfield Road and Beaver Lane. The theft took place on October 14 at around 1.30pm.

If you recognise the man in the efit image, or have information regarding this robbery, contact police on 01622 690690 and quote crime report number F Y / 1 6 4 6 0 / 1 0 . Alternatively call Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



BAG SNATCHER: Do you know this man? Police want to question him over a bag theft

yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF

A natural way to fitness

OLDER people will be set to work laying paths and clearing ponds next month in a new scheme combining conservation with fitness.

The 'Fit as a Fiddle' programme, aimed at the over-50s, allows people to discover the natural world and keep fit at the same time.

It begins at the Singleton Environment Centre, Wesley School Road, Ashford, on Wednesday, December 1 and continues until February.

Project organiser Virginia Hodge said: "Kent BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) and Age UK are working in partnership to help people in the Ashford area appreciate and protect our wonderful countryside, and make new friends while doing so."

Tools and refreshments will be provided and each session will last from 10am to 1 pm.

To register or obtain further information contact Virginia on 01233 666519, email: v.hodge@bctv.org.uk, or visit www.bctv.org.uk.

Singleton to get new park

A NEW community park is being created in Singleton.

Ashford council, working with Great Chart and Singleton Parish Council, has secured funding to transform approximately half of the empty green land opposite Sir John Wesley Primary School into a brand new community park for 2012.

To ensure the park reflects the needs of local people, from toddlers to pensioners, a consultation day was held at Singleton Environment Centre to allow residents to make real choices about the park's key features, equipment and overall design.

See www.ashford.gov.uk/singletonpark.

Large tanker lorry stolen

A LARGE tanker lorry has been stolen from Elingham Industrial Estate.

The vehicle was a Scania six-wheel tanker with a blue cab and chrome steel tank.

It was taken from the premises overnight on Monday, November 15.

Police believe the thieves scaled the metal fence around the site, and smashed the locked gates open with another vehicle.

If you have information regarding the theft call police on 01622 690690, alternatively call Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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'Keep affordable housing schemes'

MOAT housing has warned the Government not to scrap affordable ownership schemes.

The association is involved in the regeneration of the Stanhope estate.

Seventy per cent of the new homes at the estate will be available for rent, or through shared ownership schemes for which the government provides a grant.

After the Comprehensive Spending Review, the future of such schemes is unclear.

Brian Johnson from Moat said: "Affordable home ownership offers people a different kind of choice to rented products. Shared owners gain a financial stake in their homes and a place of their own for as long as they choose to keep it.

"House prices are still very expensive locally and, despite the current dip, they are unlikely to drop enough to make them affordable to many people on modest incomes. We need to maintain a way for people to access the market without the need for huge deposit savings or calling on an increasingly squeezed Bank of Mum and Dad.

"People are not going to become part of a Big Society volunteer movement if that society can't deliver the basic essentials of living at a decent price. A lot of the Government's wider social policy depends on them getting their housing reforms right."

Mr Johnson said shared ownership produces income from sales, re-sales and rents that can be used to build extra affordable housing.

He said: "As people resell, any government grant provided for their home gets recycled into more new homes; it is fantastic value for money for the public purse."

Turbine plans turned down in beauty area

PLANS to erect a windmill at industrial units and a grain store in Rolvenden have been rejected by council planners.

The application at Maytham Farm would have involved building a 24.5m high wind generator capable of producing 26.4 Mega Watts of electricity each year.

The blades of the Gaia 11kw wind turbine would have been made of fiberglass mounted on an 18m pole with concrete base.

The application had received the backing of Rolvenden Parish Council and the Weald of Kent Protection Society despite being in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Government policy is in favour of small scale generating schemes being given the go-ahead if they are not detrimental to the countryside.

In 2007 changes in planning laws made it easier for householders to install small-scale wind turbines. It is thought they can help with reducing the country's growing energy gap. Ashford council's own policy is they should be permitted as long as they are not detrimental

■ BY ED HILL

to the countryside.

Any electricity not used by the industrial units and grain store would have been sold back to the National Grid.

At the planning meeting the applicant Mr Barham said his family had lived in Rolvenden for 100 years and he would not have made the application if it had been detrimental to the area.

However, the council's planning officer in his report said although the turbine would have been screened by trees and hedges from some angles in others it would be a prominent in the field.

One neighbour also objected to the scheme. He argued allowing the wind generator to be built would encourage other sporadic one-off developments in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Special Landscape Area. He suggested solar panels would be less intrusive and noticeable.

Committee members rejected the application on the grounds that: "The wind turbine, by



WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN: A Gaia 11kw wind turbine like the one pictured could have been erected in Rolvenden

virtue of its siting, size, bulk and height, would represent an incongruous, intrusive and visually isolated and prominent feature in the landscape that would detract from, and be detrimental to, the character and appearance of the landscape designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Special Landscape Area."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

MARGARET JONES



Q Can you tell us a bit about Margaret's Musical and Amateur Dramatic Society? How did it begin?

A MMADS began after the previous society I belonged to folded due to the producer's ill health. I had been their choreographer for 24 years, appearing in all 25 or so musicals, and playing the leading role in 20 of them. We had a meeting and it was decided that I would be the new producer, as Kay Hall (the producer of K.H.A.O.S. Kay Halls Amateur Operatic Society was moving to Wales to be near her family.

She is now 88 years old and still running up and down the stairs. She is a fine example of old age and one of my inspirations. She taught me everything I know regarding acting, self confidence, stage presence etc.

Q How did you first get interested in performing yourself?

A I have been performing since I was four years old, as a tap dancer and then cancan routines. I became obsessed with Margot Fonteyn and it was when I was about nine years old that I started ballet classes. The teacher thought I had had ballet lessons before, as I knew how to be graceful and was complimented on having the best 'point' in the school.

At 12 years old, Father Christmas left my twin sister Pat and I a guitar each. Three weeks later we had our first gig. I continued playing duets with Pat for at least seven years,

during which time I also sang in several rock groups. I travelled all over the UK and the Continent, also playing bass guitar in a female rock group called The Ladybirds. We entered the X FACTOR three years ago, reached the third audition, and met Simon. It was fun.

Q What do you think makes a good panto?

A Comedy, slick timing and lots of colour. Communication with the audience is very important. It's good to include them in all the fun and games and singing.

Q What's it like staging a show at the Brake Hall?

A The front curtains represent (to me) a true theatre. The wings have plenty of space for the coach and big props. There's a big dressing room and a long corridor for the cast to change. Lighting and sound box etc. are provided, and I supply the technicians. The lighting man is the manager of lighting at the Covent Garden Opera House. Obviously he is excellent. The sound man has been with us since we began and is extremely efficient. He also does sound effects.

On previous shows we had an orchestra, but this year they are unavailable, so we have my sister playing keyboards with orchestral sounds plus backing CDs. I've never done it like this before and I hope it works. It's hard work.

Q What can people expect from this year's production of Cinderella?

A Lots of laughs and songs. We do have an audience participation scene, and of course, the inevitable ghost scene! Plenty of colour, comedy, dancing, scenery and a big bang when the coach appears from the pumpkin.

Q Do you have any difficulty in finding performers who want to take part?

A Yes, of course. We had 46 or so for Oliver and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. It then decreased to about 34, then 30 now 24. It is very worrying.

Q Do you have any other shows in the pipeline?

A We normally do one big American musical each year around April. Next year I am thinking about doing The King and I, Hello Dolly or Paint Your Wagon.

Q How can people get involved with the society?

A Most performers are over 18. The best thing is to phone me and I can tell them all about it. They can call me on 01233 712513.

• Cinderella is at the Brake Hall on December 10, 11 and 12. Tickets are adults £10, children £5 and OAPs £5 (Friday and Sunday matinee). For tickets call 01233 331961 or 01233 712513, mobile 07980 475813

Q&A

Margaret Jones, producer of the Brake Hall pantomime Cinderella, talks to **Ed Hill** about how she became involved with the stage scene, the intricacies of putting on a show and her brush with Simon Cowell

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Hospice fair will be a festive treat

THE Pilgrims Hospice in Ashford is holding its first Christmas craft fair.

The event will be at the Day Hospice on Hythe Road on Saturday, December 4.

Nigel Donkin, regional fundraising manager, said: "We aim for this to be a lovely day with lots of Christmas fun. We will have more than 14 craft stalls and some exciting hospice stalls. They range from home-made jewellery, Christmas decorations to local food produce.

"Come along and meet Father Christmas and his elves in his special Santa's Grotto and receive a special present."

The fair is open between 10am until 4pm with a 50p admission and a visit to see Santa will be £1.50.

Road-show brings home good advice

THE Salvation Army will be in the High Street this Friday with representatives from Ashford council's Housing Plus team.

The road-show is aimed at anyone who may need free advice on housing, debt, employment benefits and more.

It is also an opportunity for people to donate gifts and non-perishable food parcels for local children through the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal.

The event runs from 11am to 4pm at the bandstand in the Upper High Street.

There will also be children's activities from Surestart and performances from the homeless charity Porchlight.

To find out more go to www.ashford.gov.uk/housingplus.

Designer slams councils' 'bogus' green planning

GREEN building measures recommended by council planning departments are sometimes nothing more than 'costly gimmicks'.

That is according to an Ashford sustainable building design firm, which claims many so-called sustainable measures are simply window dressing, and actually do little to minimise environmental impact and, crucially, cost.

Duncan Murray, managing director of Directline Structures on Orbital Park, said: "Token wind turbines, high-maintenance 'living' roofs, smelly bio-mass boilers and costly ground-source heating systems can sometimes be the wrong choice when it comes to new building projects.

"A lot of bogus claims are made about green design features. We wanted to cut through all the useless gimmicks used by supermarkets, for example, when they stick a windmill on the roof and claim to be caring for the environment.

"There is much confusion about the claims that are made about what makes an energy

■ BY ED HILL

efficient, eco-friendly building design that provides value for money."

Mr Murray has been a lifelong advocate of sustainable design and build and Directline Structures has specialised in designing and constructing steel and timber-framed buildings since 1988.

The company's own office, where it recently held a seminar, has won two major sustainability awards and contains many environmentally-friendly features.

Mr Murray said: "Designing our building gave us the opportunity to practice what we preach and prove that a sustainable building can be cost-effective, good looking and a pleasant place to work.

"By putting all of our expertise, skill and experience into the design, we saved at least 20 per cent in materials, generated a tiny amount of waste, much of which was used as building material, and didn't have to remove any earth from the site."



AWARD WINNER: Directline Structures office on Orbital Park has won two major sustainability awards

The company says some planning departments are looking to introduce stipulations to use sustainable features without considering the genuine benefits. This is so they can get points for the target system introduced by the Government known as BREEAM.

Mr Murray said: "For example they might encourage a green roof on our office even though it would add £60,000 to the cost and reduce the effectiveness of the rainwater harvester."

Keith Grimley, economic development officer for Maidstone council, said: "It was an excellent seminar which I found really enlightening. The approach of the company and the business model it operates really impressed me."

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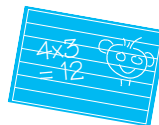
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Language event was lesson in diversity

A LANGUAGE fair was held at the Towers School recently.

Students from local primary schools were also invited including St Mary's, Kennington Junior School, Willesborough and Ashford Oaks.

More than 300 children attended the event and a number of local leaders in education came to observe the effort put on by the volunteers.

The event consisted of language stalls, ranging from Arabic to Zulu; Salsa tuition; an International Food stall with Catering by Carter's of Kennington the school's own restaurant. Special appearances were also made at the event by Kent University, the European Commission and The Big Wheel Theatre Company.

Clare Davey, event organiser, said: "The event celebrates the diversity on our doorstep and draws upon the exceptional talents of all the youngsters involved."

Spice up your Xmas shopping at fair

ASHFORD Friars School in Great Chart will be holding its Christmas fair on Saturday, November 27.

Attractions include a skating rink, a recording studio, Christmas stalls and children's crafts, plus curries cooked by Gurkhas.

Santa will be in his grotto for children to visit.

The event runs from 10am to 3pm.

Launch was a great Reason to check out new K College

BY ED HILL

A CELEBRITY launch was held for the new K College at its Jemmett Road campus recently.

X Factor stars The Reason gave a concert to prospective new students and staff at the former South Kent College site, that has now merged with its West Kent College partner.

Principal Bill Fearon said: "Looking to the future, colleges like us will be working together with universities to make sure that further and higher education is available to all in their own areas. This launch was vital to make sure everyone knows that we have started and we can now look forward to the future with confidence."

The new college, which also has campuses in Folkestone, Dover, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells offers A-Levels, apprenticeships, higher education courses and many vocational courses in fields such as construction, business, social care and engineering.

Also at the launch was former X Factor singer Lloyd Daniels, who met 13-year-old carer Madison Goodey. Her mother asked the college to arrange a surprise meeting between her daughter and her idol.

Madison, who lives in Rainham, has been helping look after her mother Maria all her life. Her mother has a rare muscle wasting disease which was made even more serious last year when she contracted Meningitis, leaving her in a wheelchair.

Madison said: "I was in shock and I nearly cried. Mum told me we were going shopping



STAR-STUDDER: X Factor stars The Reason were part of the launch event for the new K College at Jemmett Road

and then we came here. I really am his biggest fan so it's amazing that he is here."

Mr Fearon, said: "Making this young woman's day so special was a fantastic start to the new college. This is what it will be all about, making dreams come true - to help young people achieve their ambitions and to

give them the best possible start to their working lives.”

As well as the star performers student dance acts and bands from the college also performed on the special stage erected for the occasion.

To find out more about the courses the college has to offer go to www.kcollege.ac.uk.

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Power plant's bid for carbon kitty

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

CARBON-busting technology may yet see the light of day in Kent after a £1 billion government scheme was extended to gas-fired power stations.

The competition to win funding for a carbon capture and storage (CCS) demonstration facility was originally only open to coal-fired plants, but before this week only one site in Scotland was still in the running.

Last month E.ON – owner of Kingsnorth power station on the Hoo Peninsula, near Rochester – announced it was pulling out of the race because it could not foresee building a replacement in the near future.

However, the German firm is refusing to rule out re-entering the competition now that its gas-fired power station on the Isle of Grain is eligible for funding.

A spokesman said: "It's too early to say yes or no, so we're not ruling anything in or out. Watch this space."

The 1,275-megawatt Grain power station, which is due to be fully operational by the end of the year, is one of four gas-fired plants in Kent.

The others are Damhead Creek in Hoo, Medway Power Station on the Isle of Grain, and the much smaller Sevington power sta-



COMPETITION:
E.ON may re-enter
Kingsnorth into
funding contest

tion near Ashford. However, none of the three are likely to enter the CCS competition.

Damhead Creek owner Scottish Power is also the firm behind the only remaining coal-fired station eligible for the funding, and says it is entirely focused on that particular bid.

And Scottish and Southern Energy – owner of Medway Power Station – says it is already working on implementing CCS technology at its gas-fired plant in Peterhead, east Scotland.

Kent Green Party spokesman Steve Dawe said: "When the Government is spending limited financial resources on carbon capture, which may take some years to implement, the question should be raised as to what else we could do with the money."

"If we spent the same amount on insulating homes belonging to elderly and vulnerable people, then we could reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere that way."



OUTDATED: Royal Mail has removed bicycles as part of its plans to modernise the way we get our post

Postie's bike condemned to scrapheap in shake-up

THE quintessential sight of a postman on a bike is to become a thing of the past as radical changes to the way mail is delivered is introduced.

Postal workers across the county saw their bicycles taken away last week and replaced with vans – or trolleys for places inaccessible by larger vehicles – in a major shake-up by Royal Mail.

The company said it was part of a £2 billion modernisation of the national operation and argued it would stop workers having to carry heavy loads of letters and parcels.

One east Kent worker, who asked not to be named, questioned why changes needed to be made when the old system worked.

He added: "All bikes are being taken away and we'll be going out in vans in

pairs. Bike sheds at the sorting offices are also being taken down."

A Royal Mail spokesman said it was not a straightforward switch from bikes to vans and stressed not all cycles would go.

"In making these changes, we remain absolutely committed to becoming a greener organisation, and all the improvements we are making will help us in our aim of achieving a 34 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2015," he said.

The Communication Workers Union, which represents postal workers in the county, welcomed the move.

A spokeswoman said: "We fully support this and the reasons behind it."

"A lot of people have a rose-tinted view of the postman on his bike, but this is a positive change."

County to trial central spending budget

KENT has been selected as one of 16 areas nationwide to be given direct control over spending for social problems.

The move will allow County Hall chiefs to run the recently launched new local budgets, free of centrally imposed conditions, so they can decide how to use money to help families with complex needs.

The budget will bring together various central funding streams into one pot allowing the council how it uses the money.

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter has welcomed the move, stating it could make a real, long-term difference to people's lives.

"We have long been calling for a move to area-based budgets and the freedom at a local level to use funding and resources to best support our communities," he said.

"We are best placed to know what residents in our county need and this new opportunity means we can make every penny count."

Eric Pickles, secretary of state for communities and local government, said up until now councils had no freedom in this kind of spending.

"Whitehall funding had been funnelled through hundreds of disparate funding programmes wrapped up in tight financial conditions that effectively strangled local choice," he added.

KCC said community budgets will join up services for an integrated approach, so a family with multiple problems will not have to deal with a number of different schemes and agencies to get help. The council said it will also reduce costs by removing duplication and waste.

The county was selected as a pilot area for the scheme along with 15 others because it was able to show "excellent local relationships with communities, the voluntary sector and other public sector partners."

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YOUR LETTERS



Don't waste more time not recycling

The complacency in Ashford has been shown by these figures and the man in charge states that it is brilliant in the sense that we can only go up; there doesn't seem much help for us does there? For many years Ashford has been trailing behind all the other Kent councils, but the man in charge at ABC says that he didn't realise.

Efficient recycling collections don't have to mean the end of weekly rubbish collections either; Dartford happily do both.

We have at least three excellent facilities for processing mixed recyclables in Kent which is why every other Kent council collects ALL paper and cardboard, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles and (some collect foil too) in one container.

Why not Ashford? Ashford's blue box is very restrictive; they only collect newspaper and magazines, no other paper, no envelopes and cans and glass. There is no provision for mixed paper, cardboard or plastics, not to mention foil.

What people need is an effective mixed recycling collection where they can put everything for recycling in one bag or container without having to worry if it is the right sort of paper or if it's a steel can or aluminum. In terms of cost, many other councils have proved that mixed recycling collections need not cost any more. Our refuse collectors do offer a great service and collect everything that is put out, so no overflowing bins, but this is not environmentally or financially sustainable. Whether I put out one black sack or ten, they will all be collected. No incentive to think about what we are throwing away and no incentive to recycle. We have the infrastructure in Kent, Ashford councils need to move with the times and play catch up.

Derek Jacobs, by email

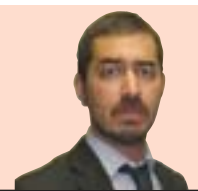
We need some thought to collection

I think what Gary's entertaining and thought-provoking blog is saying is that recycling schemes have to be carefully-thought through and introduced with a bit of nous.

My experience of Ashford's waste collection is similar to his; they take my rubbish away with predictable efficiency. Like him I pay a lot of money in council tax and like him I only really need my bins collected

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Simon Robinson considers the implications of the recent royal announcement



PRINCE William popped the big question and turned girlfriend Kate Middleton into his bride-to-be.

I was pleased as punch when I heard the news.

After all, who doesn't love a good wedding?

And our future king-to-be seems like a nice chap.

He's a born orator, quite charming, personable and (so far) blunder-free, unlike his error-prone 'better seen not heard' grandfather and Nazi costume-wearing younger brother, Harry.

Which brings me on to his fiancée.

Her credentials certainly stand up on first inspection.

She's well-to-do and from the 'right' sort of family – a winning combination of social circles and silver spoons; we'll have no Disney-esque rags to riches fairly tales in our monarchy, thank you very much.

Kate's navigated her royal courtship with relative ease, and has even managed to keep herself largely out of the public eye for years.

Which makes me wonder if she's made the right choice by saying 'yes' to Bonnie Prince William.

What must it feel like to be catapulted from status of 'Prince's girlfriend' to 'potential future Queen of the Commonwealth'?

The poor girl has gone from the odd tabloid mention to front-page news across the globe.

Thousands of journalists will spend the next few months pouring through her past, dedicating weeks

to track down old school friends, teachers, neighbours and colleagues in a bid to turn up anything vaguely resembling an interesting snippet of information.

Her every move, from smile to hand gesture will be analysed and scrutinised to the Nth degree.

The clothes she wears will now be instantly assumed to be some intricately coded message, woven by a team of PR experts.

"Here we can see Kate holding hands with Prince William while wearing a simple blue dress and flat heels, clearly showing her support to her husband-to-be..."

And this will never stop. Ever.

William and Kate – or Catherine as she must now be known – will probably even get their own unique and rather hideous combined MonoName.

Think Brangelina or Breniffer. Granted, both of these examples rely on Brad Pitt's inclusion in the relationship, but you get the picture.

Alternatively, the Press could go down the popular SamCam route, choosing rather to fuse Christian and sunnames of one of the parties involved as opposed to both.

Kay-Midd, anyone?

How does Kay-Midd (go with me, it may stick) deal with such a monumental lifestyle change overnight? Her life will never be the same again.

I just hope that we have learned from past mistakes to give the Royal Family enough respect and distance so they can live their lives in peace.

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and a few streetlights in return. I have a torch, so they could actually ditch the lights, but driving to the tip is a pain. Gary's point, though, is that the 'best' systems tend to come with a fascist-style regime for enforcing them – perhaps because they have to. And, like him, I could do without the hassle involved in stropky collectors refusing to take mildly-contaminated recycling or over-full bins away. In Ashford we don't have that; and that's a good thing. Oh, and I do recycle glass, tins, magazines and cardboard – I'm on your side. Incidentally, we just about halved our weekly 'waste arisings', to use an awful new local government phrase, by moving from big bulky plastic cartons to milk from the milkman. Best thing we ever did, in terms of the environment.

Malcolm Triggs, by email

A rubbish argument without any research

How lazy are you? It is your waste and your responsibility. If you took the time to do any research before penning this brainless rant you would understand that sorting through waste after it has been collected produces recycling of very little environmental value.

Meanwhile, if you took a second to find out how much waste and recycling costs you (generally about £100 per household per year in the UK – you can't even get a paper delivered for that) then you would

stop the ill-informed "I pay my council tax" chestnut. It is nothing short of a scandal that Ashford has come bottom – a largely affluent borough that has come even lower than deprived inner London Boroughs such as Tower Hamlets and Newham. But your complacent and selfish attitude gives a reason why perhaps they can get away with it.

Mike Webster, by email

How is your bin any different to mine?

Strange how millions of people can manage with fortnightly collections, yet somehow you can't go more than a week without your bin contents decomposing into putrid waste.

Callum, by email

Gary replies: You're right Callum, I can't. In a civilised society, weekly waste collections should be a minimum expectation. I pay for it and am prepared to continue paying whatever it costs for that essential service.

A sad day when we pay terrorists

The news that the British Government is to pay millions of pounds to 16 individuals, including Binyam Mohamed, swanning around Pakistan and Afghanistan up to no good as 'alleged terrorists'

must fill all the decent people of England with dismay.

All this falls on the cash rich, morally poor ex-PM Tony Blair and the long forgotten George W Bush causing new world disorder.

This is a very sad day for democracy, freedom and a good day for our enemies.

Alan Ewins, by email

Meaning of localism is in a right pickles

Localism, localism, localism is what counts, communities minister Eric Pickles has told us all. Though he did add, with a wry smile, not necessarily in that order.

Now it seems it isn't the order of these three words that are in doubt – it's their meaning. In fact, it appears localism has failed at its first hurdle, if the recent announcement on local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) is anything to go by. While LEPs might not sound very exciting, the Government has great expectations that they will "radically reshape the way business and government interact at local level". That's right, it will have far-reaching implications for decision-making on infrastructure, housing and enterprise.

During the summer, Mr Pickles, along with business secretary Vince Cable, called upon businesses and local authorities to seize the initiative and create their own local partnerships. That is why we in

Medway asked for one to be based around the historic county of Kent – called the Kent and Medway bid.

To me, that sounds pretty local. And it was a bid supported by the majority of MPs in Kent, as well as many businesses and council leaders. Even though Mr Pickles has said "I won't stand in your way" and "I will trust local government to deliver", he didn't like what he was hearing about a Kent and Medway LEP. In fact, he intervened at a very late stage to ensure plans for an alternative LEP for Kent and Essex were realised. Then later on, only a couple of weeks ago, East Sussex was suddenly included.

This so-called 'Super LEP' which is the largest to be given the go-ahead by the Government, will have a combined population of 3.9 million. The geographic area of these three counties is roughly a third the size of Belgium, more than the land taken up by Luxembourg and about a quarter the size of Holland.

Is this really what we were promised by the localism agenda? Because in reality, this sounds more like a return to regionalism than the promised local solutions decided by local communities. A Kent, Essex and East Sussex LEP could include 34 councils and thousands of businesses. Far too large to allow proper decision-making. This LEP has been forced on local government by the communities and business secretaries, despite opposition from local authorities and businesses across Kent.

This makes a mockery of Mr Pickles' statement that local government should not be told what to do by Whitehall. Recently, he said "if local politicians want to change the way government operates, their council should pick up the phone". So it's surprising he hasn't found time to meet with Medway before this announcement, even though we have made numerous attempts to arrange such a meeting.

The Kent, Essex and East Sussex LEP is also at odds with what Mr Pickles has agreed elsewhere in the country. In the north east there were calls to retain the regional structure, but Mr Pickles thought that might be too regional. Never mind that the north east regional development agency covers a population of about 2.5 million – nearly 1.5 million smaller than the super LEP he has agreed for our area. It seems ministers only want to allow localism to thrive if it fits what they want. This was something we all hoped had ended with the previous government. However, they have disregarded so much about Kent and Medway. Mainly that this is not an artificial region – it is a stable, organic, historic county with a natural economy. With a population of 1.6 million – already larger than any UK city except London – it would be large enough to negotiate with Whitehall, but small enough to address local issues.

In the spirit of localism, I would ask both ministers to think again about their decree for one Local Enterprise Partnership for Kent, Essex and East Sussex. But before they do, they might want to check to see what localism really means.

Rodney Chambers, by email



CLEAN: Kingsgate Bay came up to standard Coastline's double water whammy

THOSE looking forward to enjoying a dip in the sea next summer can do so with ease after every beach in Kent was awarded top-quality status for its clean water.

Findings released by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Environment Agency showed the county's 28 bathing spots met the highest European standards for water quality.

It comes just weeks after Kent's coastline was named as a world's best destination by travel guide Frommer's.

Tourism bodies are celebrating both accolades and believe they will bring even more people in to the coastal towns.

Chris Kirkham, manager of tourism board Discover Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh, said: "There is a lot of positive news being generated by the Kent coast.

"We have had more people deciding to holiday in the UK over the last three or four years and I don't think that's likely to change."

Areas such as Thanet, which has a number of celebrated bays highlighted by blue flag status already attracts thousands of tourists each year to its sandy beaches.

Kate's Kent past reveals her own royal heritage

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

KATE Middleton may be the first commoner to marry into the Royal Family in 350 years, but her Kent past is nothing to be ashamed of.

The bride-to-be breaks the three-and-a-half century record set when Anne Hyde wed the Duke of York who was later crowned James II, in 1660.

But it has now emerged that the 28-year-old, full name Catherine Elizabeth Middleton, has plenty of ancestral connections with the county.

Researchers William Addams Reitwiesner and Michael J Wood have compiled her family tree and revealed Kate's Kent heritage.

Her great-great-grandfather was Frederick John Glassborow, who was born in Nelson Terrace, Haggerstone, Middlesex, on February 22, 1859.

In 1881 he was a commercial clerk, rising to become a shipping manager in 1920. He died at Homeleigh, Lismore Road, Beltinge, Kent, on December 21, 1932.

A great-great-grandfather was building labourer and brickmaker John Goldsmith who

was born in Maidstone, in 1827. He died tragically from internal strangulation, a bowel condition, in Islington in June, 1888.

Kate had a great-great-great-great-grandfather, again called John Goldsmith, who was born in Kent in 1783.

He was a carpenter and died around 1851. He was married to Rebecca, who was born in Maidstone in 1796 and died from bronchitis at Church Street, Tovil, on December 29, 1869.

Under a section labelled 'plausible continuation of the ancestry of Kate Middleton' by the researchers, she has under 14 'greats' some noble blood in the guise of Thomas Boleyn, 1st Earl of Wiltshire who was born in 1477 at Hever and died at Hever Castle, on March 12, 1538 or 1539.

The father of Anne Boleyn, the second wife of Henry VIII, was an English diplomat and politician whose grandfather Geoffrey Boleyn, a wealthy mercer, had purchased the Kent manor home. Boleyn was the maternal grandfather of Queen Elizabeth I.



RELATED: Kate and William share a distant relation

Hever historian Anna Spender said: "Thomas Boleyn is Kate's 14th-generation great-grandparent. He had three children with his wife, Elizabeth Howard: Mary, who was mistress of Henry VIII; Anne, second wife of Henry VIII and mother of Queen Elizabeth I; and George. The children spent their childhood at Hever Castle.

"Prince William and Kate Middleton are distantly related, 12th cousins once removed, and are descended from the Boleyn family who owned Hever Castle in Kent between 1462 and 1538.

"Thomas Boleyn is Prince William and Kate's 14th generation grandfather. They are descended from Mary Boleyn's side of the family."

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Charity cricket is magic for students

HARRY Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe, guitarist Eric Clapton and teen favourite McFly are among a host of celebrities tipped to be part of an all-star cricket team taking on a group of Kent students.

The match will see pupils from St Lawrence College in Ramsgate go head-to-head with star-studded charity team Bunbury to raise money for Children in Need.

But the students have their own secret weapon, with cricket legends Michael Vaughan, Andrew Flintoff, Ronnie Irani, Darren Gough and Steve Harmison joining their team.

The once-in-a-lifetime match – the date of which is to be arranged – was all down to owner of Planet Rock radio station Malcolm Bluemel who won a Children in Need auction on Radio 2 by bidding £65,000 to play cricket against Bunbury.

The 57-year-old, from Birchington, has always been a supporter of the charity and is on the committee for Childeine Rocks, which works closely with Children in Need.

Mr Bluemel said: "It's a big chunk of money, but it's going to the right place. It's great for the students too."

"They might play the match at The Oval or bring the whole thing to Ramsgate. Either way, it's going to be a great experience."

Mr Bluemel said his son, who is a pupil at St Lawrence and an avid cricketer, told him about the auction.



STAR: Daniel Radcliffe will join in charity event

Cuts in coroners could add to loss for the bereaved

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

BEREAVED families may be forced to travel miles to identify dead relatives if plans to establish a single mortuary for Kent are approved.

The proposal is one of several being considered by County Hall in an attempt to prevent the cost of the county's coroners' service spiralling out of control.

Kent County Council currently spends about £1 million per year on post-mortem examinations at five different hospitals throughout the region, but bosses believe it would be cheaper in the long-term to have a mortuary owned by the taxpayer.

A second option being considered is to build one mortuary in the east and another in the west, with the latter also offering post-mortem services to other local authorities outside of Kent.

The issue was discussed at a meeting of the council's communities policy overview and scrutiny committee last week, when Cllr Jean Law (Con, Herne Bay) called for sensitivity.

She said: "I understand we have an overspend but at no point have I heard any mention of the effect on the public, and I would

be very much against having one mortuary for the whole of the county.

"This is a very sensitive issue because the coroners' service is not just for the deceased but for the bereaved as well, and we must always consider that travelling across Kent isn't very easy for a lot of people."

The average cost of a single post-mortem examination is £189, and last year 4,396 were held in Kent – accounting for more than half of the 7,443 deaths reported.

KCC will face even more financial pressure next year when Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust increases its annual charge at Darent Valley Hospital by a staggering 157 per cent, from £97,000 to £249,000.

The authority also spends £425,000 a year on pathologists' fees.

In addition to the mortuary plan, the council is also looking to save cash by cutting the number of coroners from four part-timers to just one full-timer.

Current Mid Kent and Medway coroner Roger Sykes is due to retire at the end of April, and his



COST CUTTING: Kent could end up with only one mortuary for the whole county if plans are approved

successor will eventually take responsibility for the three other districts – north-west Kent, north-east Kent and central and south-east Kent – once the other coroners resign or retire.

He will then be supported by a team of deputy coroners.

KCC also plans to make savings by holding more inquests at council-owned buildings like its County Hall headquarters in Maidstone.

"The increase in post-mortems is largely about the culture of this country," said Clive Bainbridge, director of community safety and regulatory services.

"The role of the coroner has changed. They've been around for hundreds of years but only recently have people heard of them."

"Their profile has been heightened by the fact that people are more litigious than they used to be. They don't accept that people die by accident."

Meanwhile, Mr Bainbridge also revealed the council plans to lobby the Government over the 2009 Coroners and Justice Act.

One of the key provisions of the new legislation was the introduction of a chief coroner to oversee the entire system, but last month the Justice Secretary Ken Clarke announced this would not happen due to financial constraints.

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A CHRISTMAS market takes place in aid of Strode Park in Herne, Herne Bay, on December 2.

It will be in Herne Institute Hall in Canterbury Road from 11.30am to 2.30pm and will feature a range of stalls.

There will also be a giant Christmas raffle and refreshments.

Musical extravaganza

THERE will be an afternoon charity concert by Thanet's finest young musicians.

The event is part of the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club's community works programme and will take place on Sunday, December 5 at the Memorial Theatre, Hilderstone, St Peters Road, Broadstairs.

To book or for details call the box office on 0845 2626263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Curry night set to open

A REGULAR Live Music and Curry Night is being launched at The Hussar pub, Canterbury Road, Garlinge.

The first is on Friday, November 26 at 8pm and features ska-pop-rock outfit Beggars Belief.

Call 01843 831732 for more information or email:charlotte@hussarhotel.co.uk.

Photography exhibition

EAST Kent Mencap's Photography Group will hold an exhibition, In All Weathers' featuring images of Thanet.

The exhibition is at Cliftonville Library, Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Margate, until Thursday, December 9.

Library opening times: Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 2pm. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

A Hardy annual show

COMIC Jeremy Hardy comes to the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury on Tuesday, November 30.

Hardy is a familiar face from TV shows such as QI, Mock the Week and Grumpy Old Men, among others.

Tickets are £15 or £13 for Encore theatre members. To book, call 01227 769075 or visit www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian.

Forever blowing bubbles

THE Magic of Bubbles will be explained by Dr Cyril Isenberg from the University of Kent's School of Engineering at a special lecture for all ages.

Sponsored by the Institute of Physics, the fun event is on Tuesday, November 30, at 11am and then later at 2.30pm.

Tickets are just £1. To book, visit www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian/theatre.

Seeing the Funny Side

THE Funny Side Comedy Club is back with compere Kevin Precious.

Comics include Stan Stanley, Phil Butler and Robert White, on Wednesday 1 December at 8.30pm at the Gulbenkian Cafe Bar, Canterbury.

Advance tickets £8 or £10 on the door. Call 01227 769075 to book or visit www.thegulbenkian.co.uk.

Panto season? It's right behind you!

We check out the region's top family pantomimes this festive season

PANTOMIME

Various dates and venues

PANTOMIME season is almost upon us. That's right, it's once again time for dames to don their tights and TV stars to ham it up as only they can, as the region's productions are set to spring into life.

Many rehearsals are already under way, so don't be surprised if you bump into a soap star in your local supermarket.

There are several pantos set to delight families in the East Kent area, as the Christmas and new year tradition continues.

For many theatres it's a time for them to raise their profile in the community and make some money with the flagships shows.

So it's time to decide which one you want to go to and book your seats.

In Margate, the Winter Gardens is the venue to see Cinderella, a pantomime classic.

Kate Anthony, who was Auntie Pam in Coronation Street, heads the cast as Baroness Hardup.

The show runs from December 19 to 30, with seats at £14 (concessions £12).

There will also be a special schools' performance on December 16.

It's great value entertainment for all the family this Christmas and there will be two performances every day at 2.30pm and 7pm.

The region's most high-profile panto is at the Marlowe Theatre Arena, Canterbury.

Robin Hood stars John Thomson from TV's The Fast Show as the wicked Sherriff of Nottingham, CBeebie's Sid Sloane as Robin and local funnyman Dave Lee.

Robin's love interest is the fragrant Maid Marion, played by newcomer Katie Birtill.

The show takes place in the Marlowe Theatre Arena tent and runs from December 4 to January 16.

Ticket prices vary, but range from £10 to £24.50.

To book, or find out more, visit www.marlowetheatre.org or call 01227 7877787.

In Folkestone, the story of Aladdin will be brought to life at the Leas Cliff Hall.

With all the ingredients that panto audiences have come to expect – big song and dance numbers, lavish scenes and lots of audience participation – Aladdin is guaranteed to keep big kids as well as little ones entertained.

Aladdin runs from December 23 to January 3. Tickets are priced at £16.25 and are available from www.leascliffhall.org.uk or by calling 0844 847 1776.

Back in Margate, the town's Operatic Society promises a "distinctive version" of Sleeping Beauty.

The show features Neil Paterson as the Prince Phillip and Georgia Rowland-Elliott as



PANTO STARS: Kate Anthony (top) stars as Baroness Hardup in Cinderella, while Margate Operatic Society take to the Winter Gardens stage in Sleeping Beauty

the Sleeping Beauty.

Lavish sets and spectacular costumes and a plot full of twists and turns is promised.

It also takes place at the Margate Winter Gardens, from December 1 to December 5.

Tickets are £9 and available by calling 01843 296111 or 01843 297780 or on the website at www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

Full information is available at www.margateoperaticsociety.com.

Further west, at Sittingbourne Community College on December 2 and 3, you can be swept away on a magical carpet into the wonderful world of Aladdin, as students perform

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The Sittingbourne Community College's annual Whole School Show promises to be a spectacular event this year with over 100 cast and crew members, featuring all the Aladdin characters we know and love.

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Sarah King and French colleague Dr Gerard.

The focal point of the party is Mrs Boynton, an elderly American invalid, and her stepchildren.

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Sunday, November 28, Powell Cotton Museum, Birchington

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These include a Santa's Grotto, card-making, lino print-

ing and a secret wrapping room, so there will be lots to keep the little ones occupied.

You'll be able to appreciate the grand Quex House dining room, which will be decorated for a traditional Christmas, take a horse and carriage ride round the grounds and listen to Birchington School Choir and the Quexmas Singers perform seasonal favourites.

You can also enjoy tea, coffee or mulled wine in the Friends of the Museum coffee shop.

For more information, call 01843 842168 or email enquiries@quexmuseum.org.

COLDPLACE

Friday, December 3, East Quay, Whitstable



TOP Coldplay tribute band Coldplace have just ended a European tour and the next stop is Whitstable.

Formed in 2003, the band have a real likeness with their chart-topping heroes, especially in frontman Shane Crofts as Chris Martin.

Now one of the biggest bands in the world, Coldplay have sunk into the national consciousness, and many believe Coldplace to be their closest tribute.

The show on the East Quay will be their last before they head to Russia to play in front of 20,000 people in the Moscow Arena.

Their aim, as a stunningly accurate tribute, is to capture the feeling of a live Coldplay performance – the music, visuals, energy and atmosphere.

Having played almost 300 gigs across the length and breadth of the UK, Coldplace have also played in countries such as Malta, The Dominican Republic, The Netherlands and Ireland, been featured in *The Sun* and been reviewed on Sky and the BBC.

Tickets are £10 in advance from www.wegotickets.com or from local retailers.

Visit www.whitlive.co.uk for full details.

**THE BEES**

Thursday, November 25, The Farmhouse, Canterbury



BUZZ along to see top indie band The Bees in Canterbury, when the former Mercury Music Prize nominees visit the city.

On tour to promote their new album, *Every Step's A Yes*, released in October, they play an intimate show at The Farmhouse venue in Dover Street.

They are due to play a string of dates supporting Paul Weller in the next two months, so the chance to see them up close and personal should not be missed.

Their new single *Winter Rose* is released on December 20 on the Fiction label.

The band members are no strangers to the area, having co-headlined the Lounge on the Farm festival at Merton Farm, Canterbury, in 2007.

The Isle of White band are known for their brand of country-infused rock, with added elements of reggae, Americana and their trademark strong harmonies.

A show not to miss as they return to play to an appreciative audience.

Tickets to the show are £12.50 and available from www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk.

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FELIX DEXTER

Saturday, December 11, Quarterhouse, Folkestone



FRESH from critical acclaim for his characters and performance on BBC2's *Bellamy's People*, former *Time Out* Comedian of the Year winner, Felix Dexter comes to east Kent as part of a 40-date UK tour.

The comedian's new stand-up show, *Multiple Personalities in Order*, was first performed at this year's Edinburgh Festival, where it received great reviews.

Felix has performed in a maximum security prison, been threatened with violence for lacking religious conviction and been offered free sexual favours in the street.

These stories and more are full of contradictions, which provide a backdrop for his characters and this year's show.

Felix, an actor and writer, played three of the main characters in *Bellamy's People*, which starred Paul Whitehouse, Simon Day and Charlie Higson of *The Fast Show*.

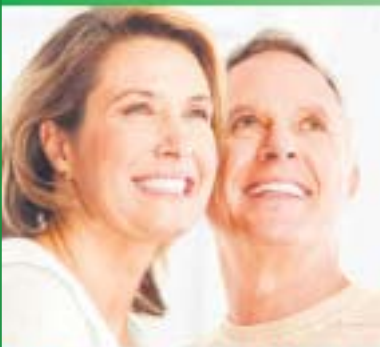
There was *Early D*, the self-styled Lion of Harlesden, Aubrey Dubuisson, the public school architect and Julius Olufemwe, hotel management student and admirer of all things English.

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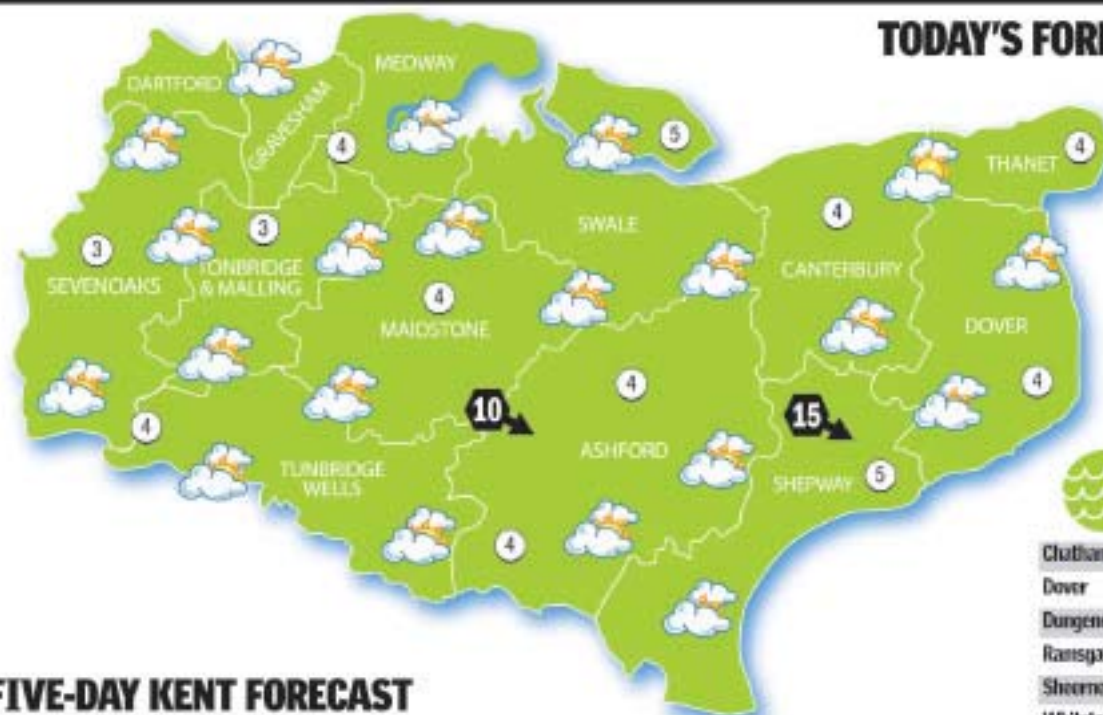
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Beginning of the end is bleak and two-dimensional for wizard Harry

■ BY DAMON SMITH

AND so it begins – the final chapter of JK Rowling's best-selling fantasy saga, which holds the honour of the highest-grossing film franchise of all time.

Cleaved in two for creative and commercial reasons, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows follows the shocking events of Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince, with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) facing the renewed threat from Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) and the Death Eaters.

David Yates, who directed the sixth film, strikes an even darker, gloomier tone for his imagining of the seventh book, leavened with occasional flashes of humour such as when Mad-Eye Moody (Brendan Gleeson) warns his fellow wizards that the magical Polyjuice Potion tastes like something unsavoury a goblin might produce.

Screenwriter Steve Kloves remains faithful to Rowling's hefty tome, but is allowed brief moments of artistic licence.

We see Harry and Hermione tenderly dancing together, and Voldemort preys upon Ron's insecurities and jealousy by taunting him with a vision of a naked Harry and Hermione locked in a steamy embrace, their blushes spared by swirling tendrils of smoke.

The third film is certificate 12A for a reason.

Even more startling is a stylish animated sequence, that recounts The Tale Of The Three Brothers from Hermione's copy of The Tales Of Beedle The Bard, which explains the meaning of the Deathly Hallows.

The nefarious Lord Voldemort and his followers, including Bellatrix Lestrange (Helena Bonham Carter) and Lucius Malfoy (Jason Isaacs), continue to grow in power, threatening everything that Dumbledore (Michael Gambon) and his followers hold dear.

With Hogwarts in disarray, Harry, Ron and Hermione embark on a perilous quest to find



Picture: PA Photo/Warner Bros

HALF A STORY: Grief and sexual tension are among the themes for Harry, Hermione and their friends in the first instalment of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

the mysterious Horcruxes and stop the forces of darkness taking over the wizarding world.

Originally intended for release in 3D, Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 will only screen in traditional 2D, after the technical wizards at Warner Bros were unable to convert this first instalment to the eye-popping format in time for the worldwide release.

In some ways, it's a blessing, because the film's running time of 146 minutes would mean eye strain for younger audiences.

That said, Part 2 will definitely screen in 3D, ensuring Harry, Ron and Hermione conclude their epic quest with a bang.

Several sequences in David Yates's film have clearly been designed with the format in mind, such as when Voldemort's snake Nagini springs at the camera, fangs bared.

Radcliffe's limited acting range draws unwelcome attention and he is unable to convey the grief of his teenage hero.

Meanwhile, Watson blossoms, capturing the heartbreak of a Mudblood who may lose everything, and Grint provides comic relief as well as mild sexual tension as Ron wrestles with his feelings for Hermione.

Fiennes glowers behind his flawless make-up and Yates seamlessly melds visual effects

and live action, not least with the re-introduction of Dobby (voiced by Toby Jones).

Part 1 concludes with good and evil evenly balanced, both sides having suffered losses in pursuit of ultimate victory.

The release of Part 2 on July 15, 2011, seems an agonisingly long way off.

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 1
Certificate 12A 



ANIMAL MAGIC: Autumnwatch presenters Chris Packham and Kate Humble



YOUR TV REVIEW **AUTUMNWATCH:** BBC2, 8.30pm, Thursday

AUTUMNWATCH comes to an end next week and I for one am not disappointed.

The programme has had a bit of a makeover in the last few outings since that stalwart of natural history programmes, Bill Oddie, decided to leave. He has been replaced by the less grumpy Chris Packham who now sits next to Kate Humble.

It has to be said the sexual chemistry between the two is less disturbing than it was between Mr Oddie and Kate. He was old enough to be her father and I could have done without the stream of innuendo that was inevitable when watching animals do the fundamentals of life.

The programme tries in as many ways as possible to get the public involved. Send us your pictures, emails, join in with our online quiz and press the red button to see more

■ BY ED HILL

footage of stags rutting, badgers grooming and birds bonking. This is an increasing tendency in TV these days. The cheapest way to make television is to get your viewers to send in the content.

This is just one of my problems with the programme and its sister Springwatch. When it first started in 2005 it was a good idea. The live element of watching the animals was something new and it did put a focus on British wildlife which is often neglected for the flashier critters of the African savannah or Amazonian rainforest.

But five years later the novelty is wearing off. There's only so many times watching a badger scratch its privates or wren chicks depositing

their faecal sacks into their mother's beak is appealing.

They have also introduced another new presenter, Martin Hughes-Games. With his long, flowing locks and soft voice I suspect he has been brought in to be the eye candy for female viewers.

Mr Hughes-Games is a very experienced natural history producer who has now made the move in front of the camera, but quite frankly his style just seems to reinforce the feeling that this programme is made more for the enjoyment of the people making it than its viewers.

I suspect the fact that Mr Oddie and the other long-term presenter Simon King have left the programme is a sign that they could see the end is nigh. Rats can always be seen leaving a sinking ship. (Now that would be fascinating natural history viewing.)



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MOTORS NEWS



Citroën C4 offers more size and more space

ORDER books have opened for the all-new Citroën C4, which brings the French marque's more contemporary sculpted styling to its family hatchback.

Launched in five-door format in January it will be slightly larger externally than its predecessor, with enhanced aerodynamics due to front and rear spoilers.

However, it is roomier inside and the boot is claimed to be the largest in its sector. Prices start from £15,595 for the 1.4 VTi 95hp VTR petrol version.



Skoda voted What Car best manufacturer

MORE than 30,000 What Car? readers have voted Skoda the Best Manufacturer of 2010.

Skoda models also scored well in their categories, with the Octavia (sporty vRS model is pictured) first in the Small Family car group and second in the Estates category; the Roomster was fourth best MPV, the Yeti voted fifth best SUV and the Fabia was in the top 10 supermini rankings. The VW-owned Czech brand has also notched UK sales of 37,000 cars this year.



Landmark luxury here in black and white

LAND Rover has forewarned of a Landmark limited edition of the Discovery 4x4 available from January.

Priced at £46,945, and using black and white colour themes, LR says the new versions feature high-end interiors including an ivory leather interior option - a first for the Discovery.

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Hyundai crossover is a no-brainer - guaranteed

CROSSOVER is the motor market buzzword and Hyundai was typically quick to voice it, with the ix35 launched earlier this year.

Replacing its more conventional Tucson SUV (sports utility vehicle), the ix35 is more compact, lighter on its feet and the sharp lines are reminiscent of the Ford Kuga - one of the smarter compact SUVs on the market.

It starts at just £16,195, yet brings alloys, air con, Bluetooth and iPod/USB connectivity, heated front and rear seats and door mirrors, leather steering wheel and gear knob and reverse parking sensors as standard, plus five years' roadside assistance and Hyundai's usual five-year/unlimited miles warranty.

But that keen entry price only buys you the front-wheel drive 1.6-litre petrol model - most buyers want the front-wheel drive diesels (from £17,395), though there is still demand for the full 4x4 2.0-litre diesel versions from £19,995, as tested here.

This engine pulls well and feels incredibly refined and, though it is now a well-worn cliché, you really would be hard-pressed to tell

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI ix35

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

whether it was actually a petrol unit. It is also incredibly clean, with emissions attracting a road tax of just £90 a year.

The engine works well in 4x4 format too; worth a relatively paltry extra £1,000 against an equivalent front-wheel drive version, and a bargain here in flagship Premium form, bringing full-length panoramic glass sunroof, lots of interior chrome, cruise control, dual zone climate control, part-leather upholstery, smart roof rails and loads more.

The 4x4's fuel and tyre consumption cannot possibly be as good as that for a front-driven version; official figures show that fuel consumption drops less than two mpg for the 4x4, but most drivers will exploit the extra grip and its partnership with a well-sorted chassis that shows what a clunker the Tucson was.

The cabin is well finished, though hardly earth-shattering in design, while the roominess and boot capacity are impressive, and the flat rear footwell makes it a comfortable five-seater.

Chuck in that copper-bottom warranty and it's a no-brainer but for the branding, though badge snobbery is fast waning in these more realistic times...we hope.



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PROPERTY NEWS



Landlords advised on how to beat squatters

THE latest plans to give landlords information on combating squatters has been praised by an industry expert.

Paul Shamplina, founder of Landlord Action, said that housing minister Grant Shapps's plans were "encouraging" as they were taking a "proactive approach" to helping property-owners deal with illegal dwellers.

"We have also recently seen the stereotypical image of squatters brought into question.

"There has been an increase in squatting by young professionals who claim they cannot afford to rent, let alone buy a property, especially with the sharp rises in rent that we have seen of late," said Mr Shamplina.

He went on to say that landlords should ensure void periods were minimised and the property did not appear to be unoccupied, while reducing the ease of access to a home was also an important step.

In the new legal guide, homeowners were told that "the law is on their side".

Warning to tenants over cheap rent scams

TENANTS should beware fraudsters who advertise properties at a cheap rent but then disappear with the deposits paid.

The thieves use websites and genuine letting-agency photographs copied from the internet to dupe people into putting down payments of thousands of pounds.

The property ombudsman has received 5,000 complaints so far this year, while the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau issued an alert last month after receiving 95 complaints, up to 50 of which were in London.

Housing charity Shelter believes such fraud is more widespread than previously thought, particularly in London, where a buoyant lettings market and shortage of properties has seen rents rise by 20 per cent in the last year.



Buy-to-let market up as more seek to rent homes

■ BY NICK AMES

THE recovery of the buy-to-let market continued in the third quarter, according to recent figures which say it has been boosted by strong demand for rental property.

A total of £2.8 billion was advanced to investment landlords in the three months to the end of September.

This represents 33 per cent more than during the same period of 2009 and the highest level since the final quarter of 2008, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML).

The buy-to-let market was hit hard by the original credit crunch and the recession, with many lenders withdrawing completely as they struggled to raise funds to lend.

Lending levels hit a low of £1.9 billion in the second quarter of 2009, but advances have been gradually moving upwards since then, as the market has recovered.

Despite the recent improvement, lending levels remain only a fraction of the record £12.4 billion advanced to buy-to-let investors during the third quarters of both 2006 and 2007.

The CML said the rise in lending during the third quarter, which was 12 per cent up on the previous three months, was driven by strong demand for rental property as many first-time buyers struggled to get the mortgages they needed to buy their own home.

Michael Coogan, director general of the CML, said: "We would expect buy-to-let demand to pick up further if current rising rental trends continue and house prices remain broadly stable.



SHORT SUPPLY: A strong demand for rented property has resulted in a rise in buy-to-let mortgages

"However, there is short-term uncertainty as a result of the unresolved debate on housing benefit and landlords' response to new limits.

"The bigger question is whether there will be sufficient supply side capacity to meet that demand, as the number of buy-to-let lenders dwindled in the credit crunch after 2007 and is yet to be fully restored."

Nigel Terrington, chief executive of buy-to-let lender Paragon, said the figures were "encouraging" and reflected higher confidence

among landlords and lenders in the market.

"Although we are still a long way from normal market conditions and lending is low by historical standards, the market is heading in the right direction," he said.

Further figures revealing a stagnant mortgage market in September underlined the soaring demand for scarce rental properties.

There were 50,000 loans for house purchase, unchanged on August, although the value of loans fell by £200 million.

First-time buyers back on the scene

PROPERTY website Rightmove has suggested that first-time buyers (FTBs) are returning to the housing market.

According to a report by the property website, which questioned 25,584 potential buyers last month, first-time buyers are being encouraged by falls in house prices.

It found that some 33 per cent of FTBs expect the cost of property to be lower this time next year, up from just 20 per cent in the previous three months.

Meanwhile, just over a quarter

of FTBs hope to purchase their first home in the next 12 months – up from 22 per cent in July, said Rightmove.

FTBs are key to the housing market and a shortage of them has meant a full recovery has yet to be seen.

They still need a hefty deposit of at least 25 per cent to secure a mortgage, according to figures, and this is why the numbers have been dwindling.

Finally, the survey also found that more than half of FTBs are aged between 25 and 34.



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Anchorage & Windlass duplexes

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The living room is a spacious room and provides direct sea views and features a beautiful fireplace and high ceilings. There are three bedrooms. The master bedroom has a separate dressing room and en-suite shower room which is unusual to find within refurbished apartments. There is a useful family bathroom. The Martingale has two balconies.

Davit & Genoa apartments

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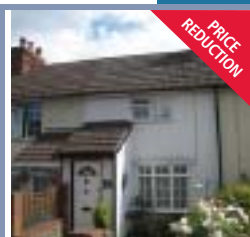
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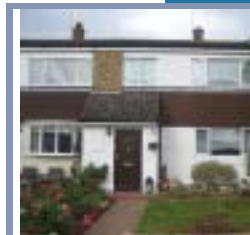
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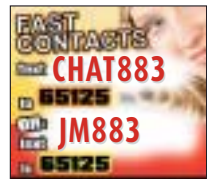
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LOVELY curvy, extrovert, green eyed blonde, seeks gorgeous, easygoing, fun male to share cuddles, laughs and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350697

ATTRACTIVE vivacious, curvy blonde beautiful brown eyes, many interests, looking for someone nice to cuddle up on the sofa and share good wine with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350695



ATTRACTIVE vivacious lady seeks good looking male to share travel, romantic nights out and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350693

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LOVELY green eyed brunette likes long romantic walks, seeks tall, outgoing male with GSOH to keep up her life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351343

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OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192

CHATTY outgoing female, likes music, country pubs, seeks tall slim outgoing male to share quality time together. Possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352089

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SINGLE male, 34, seeks female for fun times, maybe more. 25-40. Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382850

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VIVACIOUS blonde, big eyes, friendly, outgoing and fun seeking outward going happy male for fun and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351381

BEAUTIFUL bubbly blue eyed blonde, full of life looking for similar extrovert male to put some fun back in her life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350725

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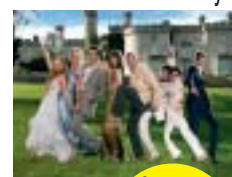
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ON TARGET: Bromley Green attack the Kennington goal

Four-some Burt inspires Green to derby win

FOOTBALL

Bromley Green 8 Kennington 1

BROMLEY Green shot up to third in Kent County League Division One East after thrashing neighbours Kennington.

Dave Smith's side have been one of the division's in-form teams and they showed their strength with a convincing display to earn the bragging rights at the Swan Ground.

The hosts started with intent from the whistle and opened the scoring inside the first minute, when Steve Harris ripped through the Kennington defence to score against his old club. A second goal followed shortly after as Marc Collins curled a free-kick into the bottom corner.

Kennington's poor start to the game was made worse with Paul Davis receiving his marching orders, picking up a second yellow card after only 15 minutes.

Bromley Green capitalised on the man advantage and added a third on the half-hour when Paul Burt turned in Ryan Norman's cross. Just before the break, the home side made it 4-0 as Ryan Smith head-

ed home a Collins' free-kick.

Kennington battled hard at the start of the second-half, but they were unable to firm up their defence as Burt completed his hat-trick with two more goals.

With 20 minutes remaining, the visitors finally had something to cheer about when Dan Morrison scored a deserved consolation goal.

However, Green continued to push forward and strikes from Kenny Hallet and Burt completed the rout. The result means Green are just four points adrift of leaders APM, while Kennington are rock bottom.

FOOTBALL

Town eye Step Six

ASHFORD Town have expressed an interest to join the new Step Six league which is due to be launched in Kent next season.

The new division will be a step between the top flight of the Kent County League and the Kent League. The Kent FA had set a deadline for clubs to register their interest in joining the venture and Ashford have confirmed they are among the applicants.

Chairman Ernie Warren said: "We hope to have discussions about Step Six in the future and I have registered our interest in joining the division. We were in before the deadline so it is just a question of waiting to see how it is structured."

Town are yet to receive affiliation to join the Kent FA and they are unable to lodge any application to join a league for next season until it is received. They are still awaiting a response from the Football Association before they can re-register with the Kent FA.

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LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

KENT COUNTY DIVISION ONE EAST

	P	W	D	L	Pt
1 APM	8	5	3	0	18
2 Staplehurst & Monarchs	9	4	3	2	15
3 Bromley Green	7	4	2	1	14
4 Bredhurst Juniors	7	4	3	0	14
5 Sheerness East	8	4	2	2	14
6 Otford Utd	7	3	3	1	12
7 Milton & Fulston	11	3	3	5	12
8 Premier	5	3	0	2	9
9 New Romney	7	2	2	3	8
10 Sheppey United	7	2	2	3	8
11 Larkfield & New Hythe	9	0	3	6	3
12 University of Kent	4	0	1	3	1
13 Kennington	7	0	1	6	1

FIXTURES (Saturday)

Kent County League Division One East:

Staplehurst & Monarchs United v Bromley Green;
Sheppey United v Kennington

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FAST AND FURIOUS: After a quick start to the game, JJ Murray (left) opened the scoring when he kicked an easy penalty, while Joe Lakin (right) shows who's boss



Picture: IOR KIPPO

Off the field issues fail to dampen Ashford's mood

RUGBY

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Ashford 41 Vigo 24

After a fast start from both sides, it was fly-half JJ Murray who opened the scoring when he kicked an easy penalty won by Joe Lakin. Vigo caused the defence several problems, but it was the hosts who extended their lead with the first try of the game. Pete Walsh's side won the ball from a line-out and Rory Beech found Dan Brown, who crashed over for the opening try.

Vigo issued an immediate response through Charlie Watmough, who ripped apart the Ashford defence to score a stunning individual

try. The visitors were then handed a numerical advantage as one of Ashford's prop forwards was shown a yellow card. Vigo made the most of the opportunity by scoring a converted try and penalty to take the lead into the break.

Facing a deficit, Ashford regrouped and made a bright start in the second-half with Walsh spotting the run of Brown, who went on to score his second try of the game.

The try was a sign of things to come as the home side stepped up their game and scored four converted tries. Lakin grabbed a brace while Walsh and Murray added to the score sheet.

Vigo scored a consolation try late on through Stuart Spiers, but Ashford's bonus point victory has closed the gap to Kent 1 leaders Sittingbourne to five points, with a game in hand. Walsh's side face Croydon in the Junior Vase on Saturday.

Lack of sponsorship keeps GSE Racing off the track

MOTORSPORT

BY TOM HOWARD

A FORMER British Superbike Championship-winning team insist they have no intention of returning to the track after failing to attract enough investment.

GSE Racing, based in Ashford, hold the record as the most successful outfit in the British championship's history with five titles, but were forced to bow out of the sport last year due to a lack of sponsorship.

The team, formed by Kent businessman Darrell Healey, has been at the forefront of British superbikes for the last ten years and has helped produce a number of top riders including Troy Bayliss, Sheppey's Shane Byrne and Leon Haslam. After failing to secure a title sponsor for 2010, Healey hinted earlier this year that the focus was on 2011, but has now confirmed GSE Racing has no plans to return to the sport next year.

He said: "We don't have any plans to return for the foreseeable future. We have achieved everything we wanted to in the British championship over the years and I think the only thing that would tempt us into a comeback was if we could do something at world level. In this economic climate it is difficult to attract title sponsors, which are crucial. We would need to bring in around £1.5 million a year to do something in the World championship."

Elsewhere, Ashford-born superbike rider

Picture: GSE RACING



ONE OFF?: Shane Byrne won the BSB title in 2008, but the team may never return to the track because of finance problems

Leon Camier has welcomed the return of Donington Park to the World championship calendar.

The Leicestershire circuit will host the European round of the championship, which is due to be held on March 27. The British round will once again take place at Silverstone in July.

A pleased Camier said: "We had a good win [at Donington Park] in 2009 on the way to taking the British title, and I've always enjoyed

riding there. But the biggest thing for me is being able to go out there and race in front of the British fans twice in a season.

"The support I had at Silverstone this year was unbelievable. Looking around and seeing all of the Camier T-shirts, the cheers from the crowd and the reception we had when we stood on the podium, they are all things I will never forget. To be able to experience that twice will be fantastic."

HOCKEY



Picture: DAVE PARSONS

DEFEAT: Narrow loss keeps Ashford two points adrift

Men still hanging about in danger zone after loss

Ashford 1st XI 2 Richmond 1st XI 3

ASHFORD missed the chance to pull further clear of the relegation zone following a narrow home defeat to Richmond in South Hockey League Premier Division Two.

After a 2-1 win against Oxford Hawks last week, Chris Smith's side were hoping to build on the result, but they were brought back down to earth after suffering a narrow defeat at Ball Lane. Akim Toussant continued his impressive scoring form, but his brace was not enough.

The defeat leaves the men's 1st XI just two points above the relegation zone ahead of Saturday's trip to Chiswick.

However, Ashford put the defeat behind them with a convincing 4-0 win against Eastcote in the England Men's Hockey Cup on Sunday.

Elsewhere, Ashford ladies lost ground in the Kent Hockey Association Premier Division title race after a 1-1 draw against Bexleyheath & Belvedere. The point means Cheryl Collier's side are now four points adrift of leaders Holcombe in fifth spot. This Saturday's game is against second-placed Burnt Ash.

Town see off Wells in league return

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 3 Tunbridge Wells 1

LEAGUE football returned to Reachfields for the first time in two months on Saturday as Hythe Town saw off a determined Tunbridge Wells.

Commitments in four different cup competitions meant Scott Porter's side had played eight games since their last Kent League engagement.

An improving Wells provided stern opposition, but Hythe took just six minutes to get off the mark as skipper Dave Cook headed home for his tenth goal of the season.

The hosts went on to play some of their best football of the season and looked dangerous



Picture: DOB KIPPOO

ON TARGET: Lee Winfield hit the second for Hythe

every time they went forward. Craig Thompson fired wide, Brendon Cass had a shot brilliantly blocked and Wells goalkeeper Michal Czanner saved from Cook as Town looked set to run riot.

But Wells are making progress and had chances of their own at the other end. Keelan Mooney fired just over and then won a penalty on 31 minutes when he was brought down by goalkeeper Kieron Mann. The stopper avoided a red card due to the striker heading away from goal, but could do nothing about Andy McMath's spot-kick.

It remained 1-1 at half-time, but Hythe won the game with two goals in three minutes shortly after the resumption. A crisp half-volley from Lee Winfield put the hosts in front again, before Cass made it 3-1 with a cool finish.

Only good work from Czanner prevented a rout in the second-half and on the one occasion he was beaten, by Cass late on, the crossbar came to his rescue.

Hythe visit Erith Town on Saturday.

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